

REMARKS/ARGUMENT

Description of amendments

Claims 1-4 are now pending and under examination. Applicants have amended claims 1-4. No new matter has been added.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

Claims 3 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner asked what the internal radial gap is.

Applicants respectfully submit that the term "internal radial gap" is set forth in the specification at the bottom of page 5.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103(a)

Claims 1-4 were rejected as being anticipated by, or as being obvious in view of, *Nagai et al.* (U.S. Patent 5,501,530). For the following reasons, the amendments to claims 1-4 render the rejections moot.

Each of amended claims 1-4 is directed to a small motor for an information-processing device having a rotating member, which is supported by a rolling bearing having various features. *Nagai et al.*, however, does not disclose a small motor for an information-processing device. Therefore, amended claims 1-4 are patentable over *Nagai et al.*

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In light of the foregoing remarks, this application is considered to be in condition for allowance, and early passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (CAM # 029341.50453US).

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